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Comments from Indiana college and university presidents about the governor's higher education proposal

“Governor Daniels has offered a proposal to invest boldly in higher education in Indiana. The governor realizes that winning the ‘brain game’ is crucial to the state’s economy, and his proposal recognizes that higher education plans a critical role in developing that bright future. At the same time we work to attract and retain the best students, we must be sure we are providing them the best educational experiences possible. With the governor’s proposal, we will be able to attract world-class scholars who will challenge Indiana’s highest-achieving students.”

Jo Ann M. Gora
President
Ball State University

“This is a dramatic move which will result in positive change in our ability to attract high-quality students and faculty. The governor clearly understands the connection between higher education and Indiana's future economic development. This is a bold step in building our state’s brain trust, our workforce and our economy.”

Lloyd W. Benjamin
President
Indiana State University

“This creative plan will provide significant new resources to accomplish two state priorities. First, it will expand educational opportunity and encourage more of our best students to remain in Indiana. It will make all of Indiana University’s campuses more accessible to Hoosier students by reducing their out-of-pocket costs. Second, the program will enable us to attract even more of the world’s most outstanding scholars to Indiana.

“We are very grateful that the governor has developed such an innovative plan that will expand the depth of our state’s intellectual capital and foster the creation of a knowledge-based economy without requiring additional tax dollars.”

Adam Herbert
President
Indiana University

“This proposal is vital as we focus on the workforce needs of Indiana. Specifically, this franchise concept will allow us to address the immediate life science and bio science workforce needs in Bloomington and central Indiana, where we need more than 2,000 trained workers in the next five years.”

Gerald I. Lamkin
President
Ivy Tech

“Our state has incredible opportunities to become a leader in several economic sectors that depend on a strong higher education system. Indiana can be a significant player in the advanced manufacturing, high-technology economy that will dominate this century. Governor Daniels’ proposal will position Indiana very favorably by making our universities stronger, supporting our top students as they pursue their degrees in our state and encouraging them to live and work here. This investment in our universities would have vast long-term impacts on the economy and quality of life of our state. Purdue is eager to build on its past successes and play an even larger role in the future growth of Indiana. We applaud our governor for this visionary proposal.”

Martin C. Jischke
President
Purdue University

“Every state that has invested in higher education has benefited greatly from that investment. This is a bold and innovative initiative and if successful, will add to the economic prosperity of our state.

“We view this as an excellent opportunity to work in collaboration with the executive branch of the state. We will continue the University of Southern Indiana tradition of producing maximum good to taxpayers for every dollar that is invested.

“We are grateful to the governor for this initiative.”

H. Ray Hoops
President
University of Southern Indiana

“I am extremely pleased that the governor is moving forward with a very innovative proposal to help promote new higher education initiatives that will impact the lives of all Hoosiers. Vincennes University looks forward to working with the governor as the exciting details of this plan are developed over the coming months.”

Richard E. Helton
President
Vincennes University